

**Town of Greenville**  
PUBLIC HEARING RE: SOLAR PILOT LAW  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30pm

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Hall to discuss the Solar PILOT Law proposed to each town by Greene County. Immediately following the Public Hearing, the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting started. Supervisor Macko, Councilman Bear and Councilman Bensen were present. Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present via teleconference. Department heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Water Superintendent Leroy Bear, Deputy Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, Planning Board Chair/Town Historian Don Teator Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh and Sole Assessor Gordon Bennett were present. Additionally, District #4 County Legislator Greg Davis was present along with 12 other guests.

This Public Hearing was advertised in the Catskill Daily Mail on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Supervisor Macko gave an overview of the proposed PILOT Law for Solar provided by the County. Supervisor Macko explained that PILOT stands for Payment In Lieu of Taxes and passing such legislation will help ensure the Town receives an adequate amount of tax dollars from future solar projects. Councilman Bensen reiterated that the Law being proposed by the County is very similar to the one that the Town of Greenville put into place for past projects that have been installed/proposed.

**Public Remarks/Discussion**

**When does this law take effect on a solar project?** As soon as solar is being collected on it. Once the facility is collection solar energy the proposed \$8,750.00/megawatt of capacity gets collected. There will be 50% collected the first year of production, followed by a 5% increase every year after until reaching 100%. After reaching 100% the rate remains the same even with equipment upgrades, etc.

**What will the taxes be based on?** The taxes will be based on both land and equipment values.

**Why would it be beneficial for the Town to adopt a PILOT?** Attorney Tal Rappleyea explained that if there is not an agreement made between the Solar Companies and the taxing jurisdictions they would be exempt and the Town/County would get nothing. Attorney Tal Rappleyea and Sole Assessor Gordon Bennett informed the Public Hearing that the Solar PILOT could either discourage or encourage incoming solar projects depending on surrounding areas and their tax policies in place for solar projects.

*At 6:60pm Supervisor Macko asked three times whether or not all persons desiring to be heard have been heard. With no opposition or comment Councilman Bensen moved, seconded by Councilman Bear that the hearing be closed. Carried 3 ayes*

**At this time the regular scheduled Town Board meeting began.**

**Solar PILOT Law** – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to adopt the Solar Energy PILOT Law as proposed by Greene County. Carried 3 ayes*

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Supervisor Macko asked that the Board deviate from the agenda to hear Ellis Snyder speak about his proposed Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Snyder presented the Board with a copy of his plans for his project and gave a brief presentation. His project is to include creating a digital inventory file for the Greenville Food Pantry, create signage for the Food Pantry for the Barn and the Town Park, and scraping and repainting of the posts and the back of the Town of Greenville Vanderbilt Park sign. The Board praised Mr. Snyder on his presentation and project ideas. Mr. Snyder agreed to keep the Board up to date on fundraising as well as recruiting volunteers to assist him in his project. *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to accept Ellis Snyder's Eagle Scout Project as he presented it. Carried 3 ayes*

**Meeting minutes from:** monthly Town Board meeting held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were put up for approval. These meeting minutes were sent to the Board by way of email on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 for prior review. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve of the Town Board monthly meeting minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Carried 3 ayes*

**Old business**

**Monthly Department reports** were given for Highway, Building and Grounds, Code Enforcement, Water, Sewer, Recycling, Assessor, Planning Board and Beautification Committee.

**Highway** – Superintendent Mike Dudley reported that the highway department has been focusing on preparing the roads that are going to be getting paved (cutting trees/brush, ditching, etc.) He contacted SM Gallivan to see what the price would be for winter abrasives this year and they said they would be honoring the same prices as last year and that he placed an order for 1,000 ton. They did some patching at the recycling center and installed some new road signage. Superintendent Dudley has also been looking into getting a small pickup truck that would be more cost effective to operate on a daily basis.

**Building & Grounds** – Supervisor Macko introduced new Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald. Tim reported that he had just started at the end of June and was just becoming familiar with the routine. They have been running 3 mowers and spend the early half of the week tending to the cemeteries, and the later half of the week focusing on the Town so that everything looks good for the weekend. Garbage pick up has been getting done on Mondays & Fridays. Overall, Maintenance Supervisor Fitzgerald feels that they are heading in the right direction.

**Code Enforcement** – CEO Mark Overbaugh announced that his lack of attendance to meetings is due to his poor health and expressed his appreciation to the Board for their patience and support during this time. Lots of commercial property inquiries have been coming in to the Building Department.

**Sewer** – Supervisor Macko spoke to Hans as the fan has finally come in for the waste water treatment plant project. That should be installed soon.

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**Water** – Water Superintendent Leroy Bear reported water production and backwash numbers. He reported that the plant is running well, just starting to show it's age.

**Recycling** – Councilman Bear reported on the Recycling Center that there is a back up with pick ups because County Waste has no drivers. There will be signs going up by cardboard stating that it needs to be flattened or it will not be accepted as well as updated price signs.

**Assessor** – Sole Assessor Gordon Bennett gave report on the rolls have gone down some since last year due to the utility places, this is done through the State and there is nothing the Town can do about it. He stated that he is aiming to increase data collection drastically for 2023.

**Planning Board** – Planning Board Chair Don Teator reported that one there was one subdivision that was presented in their last meeting.

**Beautification** – Debbie Von Atzingen reported that the first concert of the Summer Concerts in the Park series was a hit. She also reported that the Studio Tour opening was very successful. There is an additional concert being added to the roster through a grant from the Music Performance Trust on September 2, 2022.

**New Business**

**Pond Dredging Bids** – *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear for Supervisor Macko to solicit bids for the dredging of the pond. Carried 3 ayes*

**Library Sewer Hookup** – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen for Supervisor Macko to solicit bids for the sewer hook up of the library. Carried 3 ayes*

**Change Order #5** – Delaware Engineering send over a change order request for the Board to review. *Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the change order request #5 for the water project. Carried 3 ayes*

**Thunderhart Freehold Inc.** – The following resolution was passed.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law, an applicant for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail, for on-premises consumption, as well as any applicant for renewal of such a license, must notify the Town Clerk of the municipality wherein the premises are located, and

WHEREAS, this notice is given in order that the municipality, if it so desires, may express an opinion for or against the granting of said license or renewal to the ABC Board,

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville, that with respect to the application submitted by Attorney Glen F. Kubista, for **Thunderhart**

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**Freehold Inc at 2740 Route 67 Freehold, NY 12431** for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on-premises consumption, the Greenville Town Board does express a favorable opinion.

Resolution offered by Councilman Bensen, seconded by Councilman Bear, and carried.

VOTING:

	A YE	N AY	ABSENT/OTHER
SUPERVISOR MACKO	X		
COUNCILMAN BEAR	X		
COUNCILMAN BENSEN	X		
COUNCILMAN RAUF			X
COUNCILMAN RICHARDS			X

**Sole Assessor Gordon Bennett Retirement** – The following resolution was passed.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Greenville has been notified of the intention of Sole Assessor to retire effective July 19, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the rules, regulations, terms and conditions of the NYS Retirement Fund the Assessor may thereafter be reappointed after at least a one-day separation from employment.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenville hereby accepts the retirement of Sole Assessor Gordon Bennett effective as July 19, 2022 and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Gordon Bennett shall be and hereby is reappointed as Sole Assessor effective July 21, 2022 for the balance of the term to end September 30, 2025, who shall be paid at the same rate of pay as before the retirement and shall have office hours in the Town of Greenville hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**RESOLUTION MOTION MADE BY COUNCILPERSON BENSEN,  
 SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON BEAR.**

ROLL CALL:

	<u>A YE</u>	<u>N AY</u>	<u>ABSENT/OTHER</u>
Supervisor Macko	X		
Councilperson Bensen	X		
Councilperson Richards			X
Councilperson Rauf			X
Councilperson Bear	X		

**CARRIED.**

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**Court Railing** – Supervisor Macko has researched options for the railing outside of the Court.  
*Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to install aluminum black powder coated railing in house. Carried 3 ayes*

**Pavilion** – Supervisor Macko announced that there will be a Pavilion built in Vanderbilt Park in memory of Stanley Ingalls. GNH, contractors and suppliers will all be contributing as a large group effort to honor Stanley and benefit the community by providing a new space for events in the park.

**ARPA** – Supervisor Macko announced that the second portion of the ARPA fund will be coming in.

**State Police Substation** – There has been flooding in the substation and the carpeting needs to be replaced. Supervisor Macko will be getting prices gathered for this project.

**Executive Session** – *At 7:55pm Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to go into executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, as well as, medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person/corp, or matters leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion, or suspension. Carried 3 ayes*

**Regular Session** – *At 8:39pm Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to go back into regular session. Carried 3 ayes*

**Supervisor's Report** – *Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to approve the Supervisor's Report after prior review. Carried 3 ayes*

**Audit of Monthly Bills –**

*Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to pay the following bills:*

Bills 259-296 on General Abstract #7 for \$20,069.86  
Bill 7 on Greenville Lighting II Abstract #7 for \$295.06  
Bill 7 on Greenville Lighting I Abstract #7 for \$734.40  
Bill 6 on Freehold Light Abstract #6 for \$691.01  
Bills 105-116 on Highway Abstract #7 for \$11,526.35  
Bills 70-78 on Sewer Abstract #7 for \$25,510.26  
Bills 61-74 on Water Abstract #7 for \$165,243.26

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*There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.*

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Macko

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bear

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bensen

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